

SENATE BILL 268

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
relative to reporting of certain infections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as new section:

68-11-266. (a) In addition to any other reporting required by this part, a facility licensed under this chapter shall report to the department of health on a quarterly basis any instance of an infection involving staphylococci bacteria detected at the facility. On an annual basis, the department of health shall report results of these reports to the general assembly. The report required by this section is supplemental to reports concerning hospital acquired infections and unusual events that might otherwise be required under this part.

(b)(1) The board for licensing health care facilities shall develop the necessary forms for reporting as required by this section.

(2) The board is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

(c) The board also may assess a civil penalty of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each assessment on any facility that fails to comply with the provisions of this section. Any civil penalty shall be assessed in a manner consistent with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.